

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of )  
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Revision of Procedures Governing Amendments )  
To FM Table of Allotments and Changes )  
Of Community of License in the Radio Broadcast )  
Services )

MB Docket No. 05-210  
RM-10960

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**Motion for Extension of Time**

The firm of Wood, Maines & Brown, Chtd. hereby requests an extension of time in which to submit requests for approval of settlements of pending rule making proceedings, as announced in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* released June 14, 2005 (2005 Allocations NPRM). A Public Notice released June 20, 2005, announced a settlement window projected to end on September 19, 2005.

Beginning in late August, Hurricane Katrina devastated a vast swathe of the Gulf Coast region, obliterating homes and businesses in eastern Louisiana, southern Mississippi and parts of Alabama. In the immediate aftermath, it inundated one of America's major metropolitan areas. complicated all aspects of broadcasters lives in its affected area. Radio and telephone operations throughout

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the region have been compromised. As just one example, this firm has been attempting for many weeks to negotiate a settlement of a rule making proceeding in which one of the key parties is a broadcaster located in Mississippi who filed *pro se*.

Before Hurricane Katrina struck that state, negotiations with that broadcaster were progressing well, and it would have very likely been possible to submit a comprehensive settlement by September 19. Unfortunately, without the participation of this party, a "universal" settlement of the rule making proceeding cannot be effected. Since Hurricane Katrina, communications with the broadcaster have been rendered difficult, and sometimes impossible. Even today, almost three weeks after the hurricane, calls to this party's cell phone result only in a message stating that "due to the hurricane in the area you are calling, your call cannot be completed at this time."

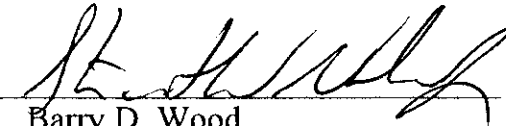
Further, the first obligation of all broadcasters in the region has naturally been to restore service that was interrupted by Katrina, or to render service to their communities over those stations that managed to stay on the air. This has delayed consideration of complex matters implicated by settlement efforts.

The AM settlement window, and the deadline for submission of statements under Section 307(b), were recently extended to October 31, 2005. Under the circumstances, a brief extension of the FM settlement window is also indicated.

Accordingly, we hereby request an extension of nine business days, to and including September 30, 2005, for the submission of settlement agreements as contemplated in the 2005 Allocations NPRM.

Respectfully submitted,

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